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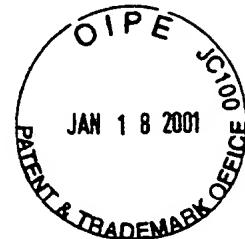
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For: **Recombinant, Replication Defective  
CELO Virus and CELO Virus  
DNA**

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**Information Disclosure Statement**

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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is further directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

09/171,461, §102(e) Date: January 12, 1999; and

09/399,778, filed September 21, 1999,

which are directed to related technical subject matter. Pursuant to C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), legible copies of these applications are provided herein as documents AR28 and AS28, respectively. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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